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Truman Returns To Washington

"NO EMERGENCY" ASSURANCE

Key West, Dec. 9. President Truman flew back to Washington today for urgent conferences with administrative and State Department officials after assuring reporters there was "no emergency."

"Don't get the idea the world is coming to an end," said the President before boarding his plane.

He said he wanted no fuss made about his sudden return to the capital.

"The simple reason for my going back is the necessity for me to have my bi-monthly meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the world situation. It is easier to meet them in Washington than for them to come down here."

Mr. Truman said he had talked with General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and the Attorney-General, Mr. J. Howard McGrath, and decided it would be better to hold conferences with them in Washington than in Key West.

President Truman said the question of the lagging Korean truce negotiations would definitely be discussed but he did not wish to have undue importance attached to this phase.

His mention of a meeting with the Attorney-General was taken as an indication that he would go into the government tax scandals disclosed in the investigation by the House Ways and Means sub-committee.

The President remarked, in explaining the pressure of current duties in Washington, that "1952 is going to be an important year."—United Press.

Sucked Out Of Boots By Jet Plane

Glasgow, Dec. 9. A Canadian Air Force technician was drawn out of his rubber boots head first into the air intake funnel of a jet fighter plane today, but suffered only two black eyes and torn ligaments.

Albert William Richards was sucked into a hole in the plane's nose while the jet was warming up on the Renfrew Airport runway. A mechanic saw Richards' empty boots on the runway and another mechanic throttled back the engine.

Then the pair reached in, grabbed Richards by the feet and pulled him out.—United Press.

QUIET IN PORT SUEZ

Suez, Dec. 9. Governor Ibrahim Zaki el Kholl said today that it had been quiet in Suez and the British authorities had promised to evacuate the village occupied during construction of the new road to the water filtration plant.

Governor el Kholl told the United Press: "All is quiet in Suez and no incidents are expected."

He said the British military leaders had promised him they would evacuate the village of Kfar Abu Amr today. British troops occupied the village yesterday when construction of the new road to safeguard their water supply began. Big explosions echoed as British engineers dynamited buildings in the occupied area. Sherman tanks lunged through ramshackle mud huts to demolish them while dynamite blasted the largest stone houses.

Many families living in the neighbouring area continued to pile their few belongings into donkey carts and leave the danger spots.—United Press.

Young Wife Slain

Flint, North Wales, Dec. 9. The Flintshire police today issued the description of a man whose young wife, mother of three children, was found battered to death in the moonlight last night on a railway bridge near here.

Wind had blown out the gas lamp on the crossing and a woman passing by stumbled over the body.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Human Rights Day

THE third anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is being observed today. It is a declaration, noble in conception and lofty in aspirations, and is designed as a fundamental basis for world brotherhood. It is necessary, however, to interpret the rights of the individual with relation to his place as a part of society. As the lives of people have become more inter-dependent, the concept of freedom moves toward education of the individual to choose and work effectively for those things that promote the common welfare. It is not possible to separate the rights of the individual from the objectives for which he wants to live. The goal of life may be described alternatively in terms of altruism or of self-interest. In terms of altruism it may be said that the individual desires to make the maximum contribution to human welfare, with the resulting personal satisfaction that comes from feeling that he has done his appropriate part. The alternative, based on self-interest, would be that the individual desires complete freedom for self-development as a unit of organized society. Since an individual can be permitted complete freedom only in case his desires coincide with the needs of society, these two statements of human aims lead ultimately to closely allied requirements. What from the point of view of self-interest are to be considered as rights which the individual properly may ask society to supply, from the point of view of altruism become the necessities of the individual in order that he may perform his proper service to society. Accordingly human rights are what the individual may properly expect society to supply. It should be possible for the state to guarantee some of these rights. Others it is possible only to provide in a well-organized and prosperous society, and must thus be considered not as insurable to the citizen but rather as objectives which the state should try to attain. It is generally agreed that there are three basic rights which society

Alleged Manslaughter: European Police Officer's Trial

MAN SHOT DURING RAID

Accused of having unlawfully killed Wong Keng-sun, a 20-year old employee of a construction company, Sub-Inspector Albert Edward Shave, 23, attached to the Kowloon City Police Station appeared on trial before Mr Justice Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with the manslaughter of Wong on the night of August 22, 1951.

Wong was killed as a result of a gunshot wound in the Yat Ming Teahouse during a Police raid. It is alleged that a revolver held in the right hand of Shave went off at the time.

In charge of the Prosecution is Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. Watson. Shave is defended by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

A Jury of four men and three women has been empanelled.

A number of students from Queen's College and the Ching Wah Middle School were interested spectators in Court.

The Prosecutor told the Jury that accused was charged with manslaughter which meant the unlawful killing of another person without malice.

Accused was an Inspector of Police and he went on duty into a cafe to search people. At the time he held a gun drawn and cocked in his hand. In the course of what happened the gun went off and a man was killed.

Witnesses would say the Prosecutor went on, that there had been an alarm and a party of Police went out searching for armed robbers in the district. They did not find them.

Five eye-witnesses and a detective police constable who had accompanied the accused to the cafe would testify as to the events of that evening. Although they might vary slightly in their versions, the general outline was they would say the accused came in with a drawn gun.

SHAVE'S VERSION

Accused's version was that they remained seated despite this order to stand up and be searched. Three of the men spoke to the contrary and said that they were on their feet. It was, however, agreed that the accused stopped near this table and with the gun still in his hand turned towards the four men at the table. Accused then made a gesture with the gun. The gun went off and one of the four men was killed.

The Prosecutor said that the accused acted with the utmost promptitude in getting the man to hospital, but unfortunately he was found to be dead.

The post-mortem, Mr Greenfield went on, revealed the fact that there was no powder mark on the clothing of the deceased, which meant that the gun was held at least 18 inches away. It further revealed that the bullet which entered high up in the chest travelled downwards at an angle of 45 degrees.

The Police ballistics expert would say that the bullet extracted from the deceased was fired from accused's gun. He would further say that this revolver was normally fired had a 17-lb pull on the trigger, but when cocked that pressure took only an eight-pound pull.

DID PROPER THING

The accused did the proper thing by reporting immediately and handing his gun to another Police inspector immediately after the accident, the Prosecutor said. Not only did he properly report, but he was sincere throughout.

Accused took another Inspector to the scene of the accident where certain measurements were taken.

A coroner's inquest was held and accused made a full statement of what happened that night. As his learned friend had no objection to his reading the statement, Mr Greenfield said that he would read certain extracts from it.

In this statement, accused referred to the instructions prior to the event. He also referred to the alarm which turned out to be false and which was no doubt intended to draw the Police away from the vicinity.

Continuing, the accused in the statement said that he went on to search the Yat Ming Teahouse which was situated near the junction of Boundary Street and Prince Edward Road, near the aerodrome. He said he walked to a point near the centre of the room where he stopped and took a half-turn to his left when he noticed four Chinese who had not moved and still sat down at their table. He then repeated his order to stand up in Cantonese, and as he did so he made a gesture with his right hand which held the gun. The next thing, he heard a shot and felt the revolver kick in his hand. He did not fire at any person, he declared in the statement, and he had no reason to fire at the time. He saw a man collapse.

COCKED REVOLVER

He cocked his revolver on entering the cafe, accused went on in the statement, because he had good reason to believe armed men were inside.

Mr Greenfield said that the Police Superintendent would produce Police Orders on the use of firearms and there were many circumstances in which

the Police were justified in drawing their guns.

He added that the Crown based its case on the fact that although this was a normal entry the cause of the gun going off was recklessly negligent.

Accused when formally charged said he was not guilty. The Prosecutor concluded.

Det. Sub-Inspector A. B. Bartem, attached to the CID Kowloon City Police Station said that at about 10 p.m. on August 22 last he went with accused and a party of Police to Ta Shek Shan village to carry out a search in the vicinity. They failed to find anyone and he and the accused returned to the Station, arriving at about 10.40 p.m.

ALERT MESSAGE

Witness said he reported to the Divisional Superintendent upon his arrival. As a result of the report he was instructed by the Superintendent to pass on a message to the accused to be on the alert for armed men lurking around the vicinity of Kowloon City district. Shortly after that the accused and a Police party left the Station.

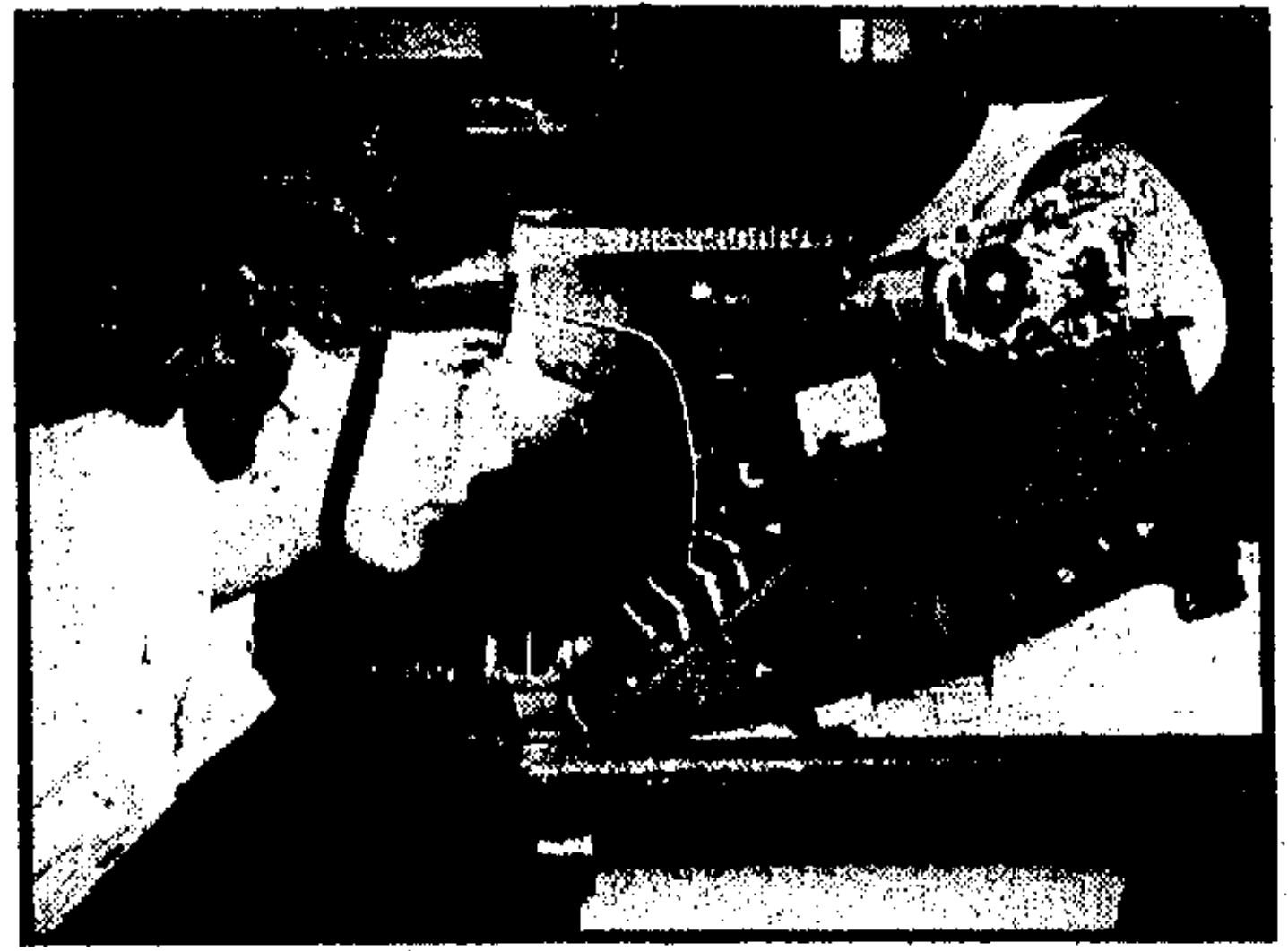
Cross-examined by Mr Wright, witness said that their first raid proved unsuccessful. He admitted that after passing the Superintendent's message to the accused, he made an observation to the accused that the original report might possibly have been a false one in order to draw the Police to that area, leaving other areas in the district free.

The accused was on patrol duty with the Emergency Unit that evening, witness told the Defence Counsel. He knew the Yat Ming Teahouse and he had previously carried out an armed raid on it himself. He added that all Police raids on teahouses in general were for armed men.

Re-examined by Crown Counsel, witness said that the Ta Shek Shan village was about a mile and a half from the Cafe.

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Aid For Disabled



Science has again come to the aid of the disabled. This picture shows Miss Kathleen Andrae, of Palmers Green, demonstrating the use of a typewriter by head harness, at the exhibition of aids and gadgets for the disabled. The exhibition was visited recently by Her Majesty the Queen.—Central Press Photo.

Volcano Disaster: New Eruptions Feared: Casualties Mount

Manila, Dec. 9. Another eruption was feared tonight as the Hibokhibok volcano continued to belch dark smoke from five vents. The Red Cross said the official number killed in the eruption on Tuesday so far was 201 but an Army officer told the United Press that about 1,000 inhabitants on the disaster area were unaccounted for and presumably killed.

President Quirino's office announced that the President would fly to Camiguin Island, off Northern Mindanao, where Hibokhibok erupted, to inspect relief work among the people left homeless by the eruptions.

Meanwhile, reports from the island said heavy rain brought new hardships to the disaster area. Downpours due to the approaching typhoon washed down boulders loosened by the eruptions and these crushed the blackened remains of houses and trees in their path. It was feared that if the rain continued the slides might aggravate the destruction caused by the volcano. It was recalled that in the 1948 eruption a village was buried by slides.

The Red Cross said relief operations among 22,000 displaced persons from the towns of Mahanog, Catamaran, and Sagay and their barrios continued smoothly as supplies brought in by the Health Secretary, Mr. Juan Salcedo, and Red Cross units were released to needy evacuees. Mr. Salcedo toured the disaster area upon his arrival on Saturday afternoon.

Mass Round-up Of Negroes

Paris, Dec. 9. Seven North Africans remained in police custody this morning following the mass round-up last night of negroes attempting to attend a meeting banned by the police.

Estimates of the number picked up by the 3,000 policemen ranged up to 6,000. The police said among them were three Spaniards and two Belgians, who might be booked later on charges calling for their expulsion from France.

They said the North Africans remaining in custody carried revolvers, razors and knives and were among adherents of the "Movement for the Triumph of Democratic Liberties" who had flocked to the Palais des Sports to attend a protest meeting which was banned two days ago by the Paris Police Prefecture.—United Press.

TAKE-OFF CRASH

RAF Pilot Killed

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 9. A twin-jet fighter plane crashed and burned on its take-off at Goodfellow Air Force Base today, killing a British Royal Air Force pilot who was ferrying the craft to Florida.

Witnesses said the plane, a Northrop F-89 Scorpion, a new interceptor type still on the classified list, apparently stalled after clearing the runway by about 200 feet. The craft burst into flames as it struck the earth. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area.

The Goodfellow Public Information Officer Captain George Strand, said it had not been confirmed that the craft exploded. He said the name of the pilot, who was stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida on temporary duty with the United States Air Force, would be withheld until Tuesday morning.—United Press.

FOUR KILLED

Chicago, Dec. 9. The four occupants of an ambulance plane including the pilot were killed when the plane was caught in a storm and crashed near the town of Greensburg in Indiana today.

The pilot was a 70-year-old woman, who had been seriously hurt in a car accident six weeks ago and was being taken to Chicago for medical treatment.—A.P.

RADIOACTIVE SNOW FOUND

Clermont Ferrand, Dec. 9. Radioactive snow was today reported over the Auvergne area of Central France. But M. Hubert Garrigue, Director of the Observatory of Mont Puy de Dome, who specialises in atmospheric radioactivity, said that the snow's radiations were weak and harmless. They represented only one tenth of the radiation coming from the atmosphere.

M. Garrigue was the first man to detect a radioactive cloud above Auvergne in 1946, when it was believed to be connected with the atomic explosion at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.—Reuter.

REVISED ITALIAN TREATY

Acceptable To US

Washington, Dec. 9. Officials predicted today that the government here would notify Italy shortly that it accepted the peace treaty revisions requested by the Rome Government.

The United States already has stated general agreement with revisions which would place Italy on a equal basis, de jure as well as de facto, with other Western European nations. Formal approval of Italy's right to be released from armament limitations and dictates over her internal policy, which were stipulated in the treaty, will be made soon, a usually reliable source said.

Just how the Italian treaty is to be rectified in terms of international law is still an object of speculation here. An American official ruled out the possibilities of an international conference and suggested that each of the 21 signatory nations notify the Italian government of its decision on a bilateral basis.

SUPPORT ASSURED

He said that if the majority of signatory nations agreed to revision, a joint declaration acknowledging Italy's new international role might be issued by the agreeing powers. Besides the United States, France and Britain, most of the Latin American signatories have assured Italy of their support. The Netherlands and Belgium also are expected to give favourable answers to the Italian request.

Only Russia, Poland, Albania and Czechoslovakia are expected to object to treaty revisions. This supposedly is on the grounds that Italy is a participant in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, which they allege is aggressive towards the Communist bloc.

Italian Embassy officials felt that a Communist refusal to accept revision would be detrimental to the reputation of the Communist countries. They said the Communists already had suffered in Italian public opinion since Russia began to veto Italy's entry into the United Nations.

They believed the Communist countries lacked good grounds on which to object to revision. They said the two amendments proposed actually were of a psychological rather than practical value. One is deletion of the preamble statement charging Italy with aggressive intentions. The second is removal of Articles 15-18, ordering Italy to abolish Fascist parties. Officials said this was merely a psychological matter since Italy's constitution already entails curtailment of Fascism.—United Press.

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Chief Justice Inspects Fiji Guard Of Honour



The Chief Justice of Fiji, Mr. J. H. Vaughan KC, inspects the smart guard of honour of Fiji Police at the ceremonial opening of the Supreme Court in the capital, Suva.—London Express.

PATIENTS LIKE A 'NAME'

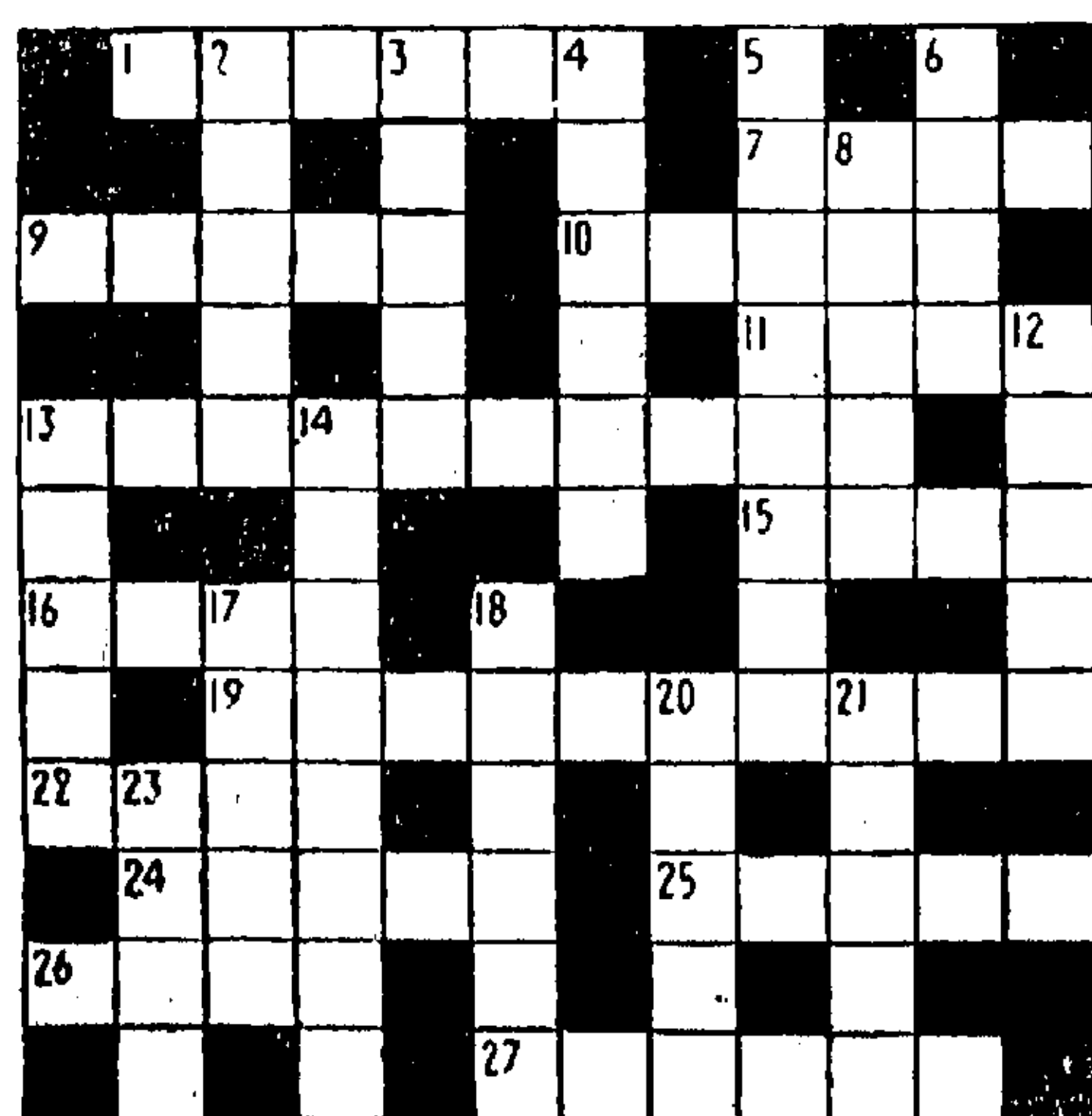
More and more patients are being treated in the new hospital at the Ministry of Health.

A large number of patients were treated in the new hospital at the Ministry of Health. The hospital was opened in 1947 and has since then been a success story.

In the year up to March 31, 1950, 206,578 patients were treated in the hospital. The hospital has since then been a success story.

The report says that there were more than 100 patients treated in the hospital. The hospital has since then been a success story.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Doll (4).
7 Tune (4).
9 Black man (5).
10 Jollification (5).
11 Tavern (4).
13 Company (10).
15 Was in debt (4).
16 Mature (4).
19 Eighthen (10).
22 Sharp (4).
24 Green (5).
25 Once more (5).
26 Excess (4).
27 Giggle (4).

DOWN
2 Presses (5).
3 Introduction (5).
4 Struggle (4).
5 Flower (4).
6 Right of possession (4).
8 Restore to original state (5).
12 Marsh plant (5).
13 Shaft (5).
14 Flirt (4).
17 Portion (5).
18 Amuse (4).
20 Unstable (5).
21 Saw (5).
23 Large public room (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Recall; 4. Smart; 7. Tincture; 9. Vast; 10. Endured; 11. Dues; 12. Tulp; 13. Flier; 15. Vexed; 16. Grades; 17. Down; 18. Remains; 19. Covered; 20. Lash; 21. Mad; 22. Ruffian; 23. Parole; 24. Radium; 25. Clav; 26. Answered; 27. Twisted; 28. Induce; 29. Ties.

JAPAN HOLDING TALKS WITH STERLING AREA NATIONS

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

The Japanese Government has arranged talks, starting today, with diplomatic missions from various Sterling Area countries in an attempt to increase her Sterling raw material purchases, according to reports in trade circles here.

Japan will approach Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma, which have no diplomatic missions here, through the United Kingdom Liaison Mission.

Rearmament To Be Speeded

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.

The Danish Government will lay down before the Political Parties early this week a plan for strengthening the country's defence by raising the military service term from one year to 18 months.

The measure would enable Denmark to have one full division under arms. The new defence plan would require additional expenditure which the Government paper, Berlingske Tidende, estimated at 2,650,000,000 kroner in the next three years as compared with the present military budget of 659,000,000 kroner.—France-Press.

Colombo Plan Expert Leaves For Far East

Colombo, Dec. 9.

Mr. Geoffrey Wilson, Director of the Colombo Plan Bureau, left here by air for Singapore today on his way to Bangkok to attend the Asian Technical Conference of the International Labour Organisation, beginning on Dec. 12.

Before his departure Mr. Wilson said in a Press interview that he was invited to attend the Conference to discuss how best the development programmes of the Colombo Plan and the ILO could be effectively co-ordinated.

Referring to the progress of the Colombo Plan's scheme to provide technical assistance to South-East Asian countries, Mr. Wilson said that so far as training facilities were concerned, the supply had been equal to the demand.

But response to requests for expert and advisers had not been satisfactory, he said.

"This is natural as most of the experts are reluctant to give up well-paid and comfortable jobs and go to countries far away from their homes."

EXPERTS NEEDED

Most of the requests from the Asian countries had been for highly qualified experts and this had made the task still harder, Mr. Wilson said.

He dismissed fears expressed about the success of the Colombo Plan in the absence of American financial contribution. The success of the plan depended on the energy and drive of the member countries themselves, he said.

Mr. Wilson revealed that India has so far asked the Colombo Plan Technical Assistance Council for consultants to advise private industry on methods for increased efficiency, engineers for electrical and multi-purpose projects and medical specialists.—Reuter.

Turkish MP's In Germany

Bonn, Dec. 9.

Dr. Hermann Ehlers, President of the Bundestag, tonight entertained to dinner a delegation of 10 members of the Turkish National Assembly.

The group was led by Mr. Muhlis Tuncay, first Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly.

The delegation had visited Bavarian cities and Cologne before they arrived in Bonn last night.

"They will leave for the Ruhr industrial area on Monday and return to Bonn on Tuesday" to study parliamentary institutions here.—Reuter.

European Authority Prospects

Strasbourg, Dec. 9.

The main effort of delegations to the Council of Europe in the debate on foreign policy due to start here tomorrow will be exerted towards the creation of a community of the European continent associated with Britain.

Both continental Europe and Britain would consider a statute which would enable the implementation of such projects as the coal and steel pool and the European Army plan.

As from tomorrow the French Minister of the Council of Europe, Mr. Robert Schuman, will set forth his views on the concrete proposals made by the General Affairs Committee for the setting up of a supranational European Political Authority.

Although it was expected here that the Belgian Foreign Minister, Paul Van Zeeland, would show some reserve and the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, would be inclined to caution on the eve of the vote in the coal and steel pool plan in the French Assembly, Chamberlain Adenauer was said to be prepared to go much further than his colleagues.

Circles close to the German delegation said Dr. Adenauer would suggest the promotion of a European community with a European constitution.

A NECESSITY

The West German Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Professor Hallstein, today was said to have expressed the hope that the plan for creation of a European Army would be signed before the next meeting of the Atlantic Pact Ministers in Lisbon on Feb. 2.

Professor Hallstein, who conducted negotiations on the European Army in Paris on behalf of the West German Government, made this statement during talks with the West German delegates to the Council of Europe.

The West German high official also affirmed that he considered the creation of a political authority in Europe as an absolute necessity.

Professor Hallstein said that the signing of the European Army project would necessitate another meeting of European Ministers after that of the Strasbourg conference which is to take place next Tuesday with participation of the five Foreign Ministers of the Council of Europe nations and of Dr. Adenauer.—France-Press.

ADENAUER REPORTS

Bonn, Dec. 9.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today reported to his Cabinet on his recent visit to Britain.

The Chancellor will leave by road for Strasbourg on Monday to attend the conference of Foreign Ministers on the European Army plan.—France-Press.

Exodus Of American Families From Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 9.

The United States has begun to evacuate American women and children from Berlin, according to army sources here.

The last family is due out by next October.

The army sources said that the 1,000 or so American dependents in Berlin at the time of the blockade had been reduced to between 300 and 500. Family men are being related to the United States or given new assignments in West Germany as fast as possible and men without dependents sent in as replacements.

This withdrawal has been simplified and accelerated by the curtailment of United States High Commission duties in Berlin, as more and more authority is turned over to the German Government.

The largest unit now in Berlin is the United States 6th Infantry Regiment, whose members have been told that their task of preparing for combat will be easier if they are not encumbered with their families.

The Army, which acknowledged that a Soviet attack would swiftly overwhelm the tiny American Berlin garrison, made several attempts to get dependents out during the blockade, but was dissuaded by General Lucius D. Clay, then American Military Governor in Germany.

Army sources added that it is now felt that the American determination to remain in Berlin is well enough established to dependents with "certainly" no doubt.—Reuter.

As yet, however, there are no signs that the United States intends to evacuate American women and children from West Germany. The European Command said recently: "The question is subject to constant review by United States authorities in Washington and the European Command."

The army also sanctioned publication of a story noting that plans for the quick evacuation of American non-combatants from Germany in case of war are known to have been worked out in great detail. The story quoted "senior officers" as admitting privately that "even though successful, the evacuation of so many civilians would require the use of soldiers and equipment which might be needed in combat."

There are about 55,000 dependents with the American forces in West Germany, and army sources said that the present evacuation of dependents from Berlin would probably set the pattern to be followed in evacuation of all dependents were ordered.

Meanwhile, the Army has virtually shut off the arrival of dependents of men in the 4th Infantry and 2nd Armoured Divisions on the ground that housing is not available. Family men due to be related to the United States are being refused requests for extension of their tours of duty in Germany, while similar requests from single men are being approved.—Reuter.

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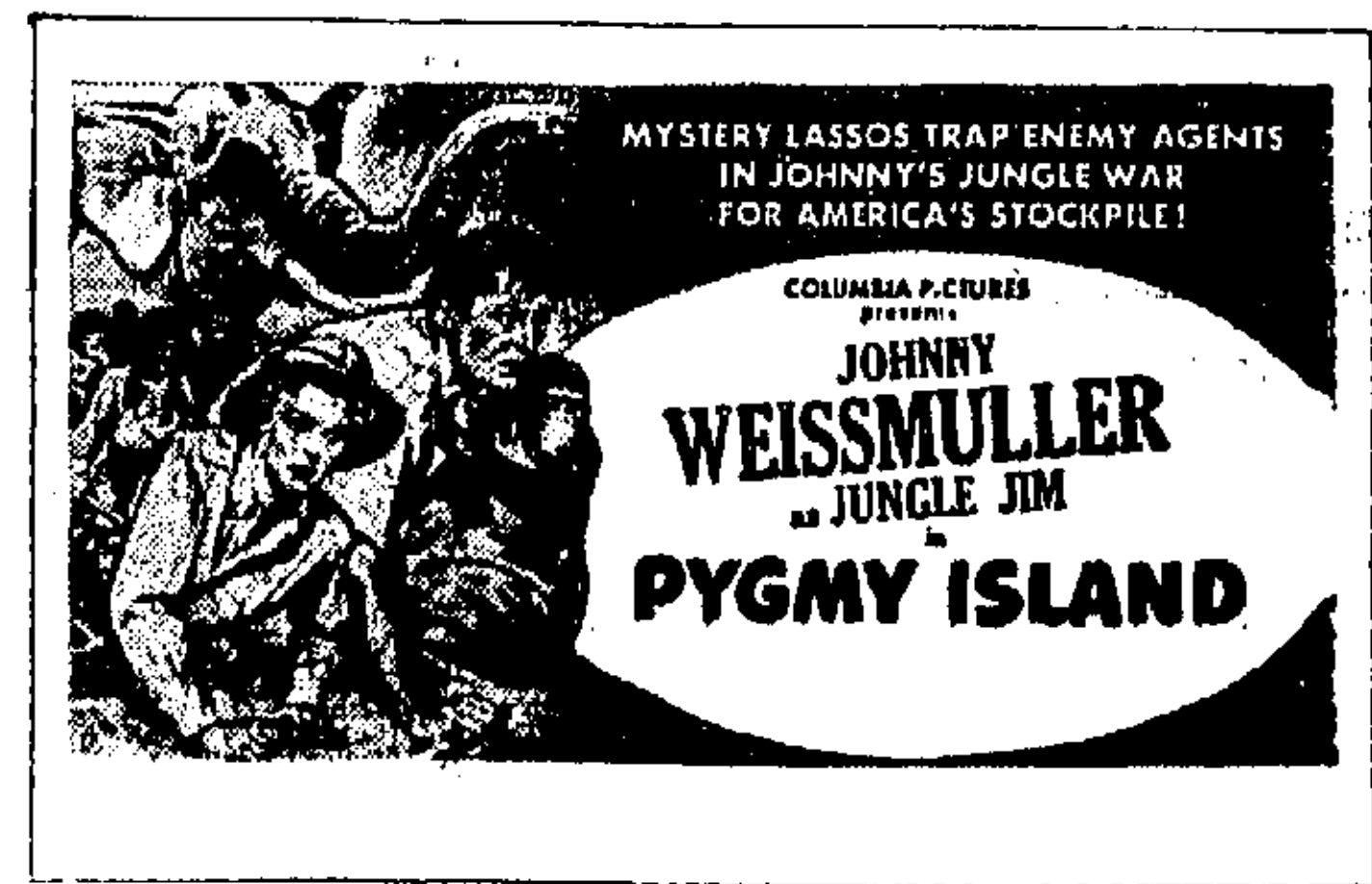
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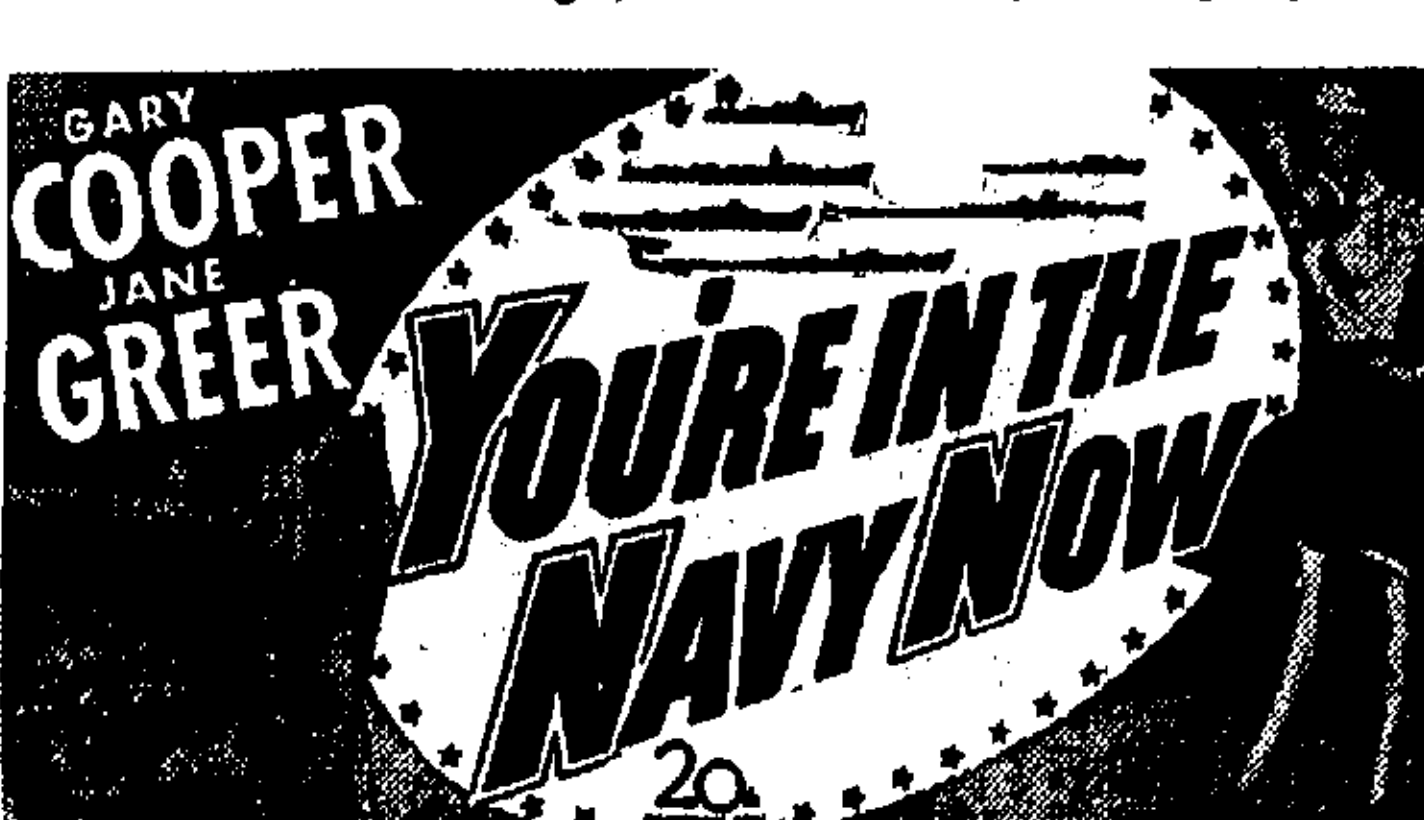
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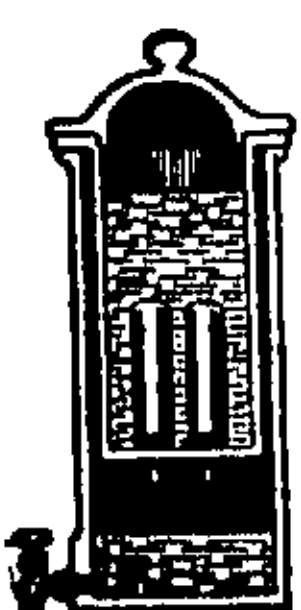
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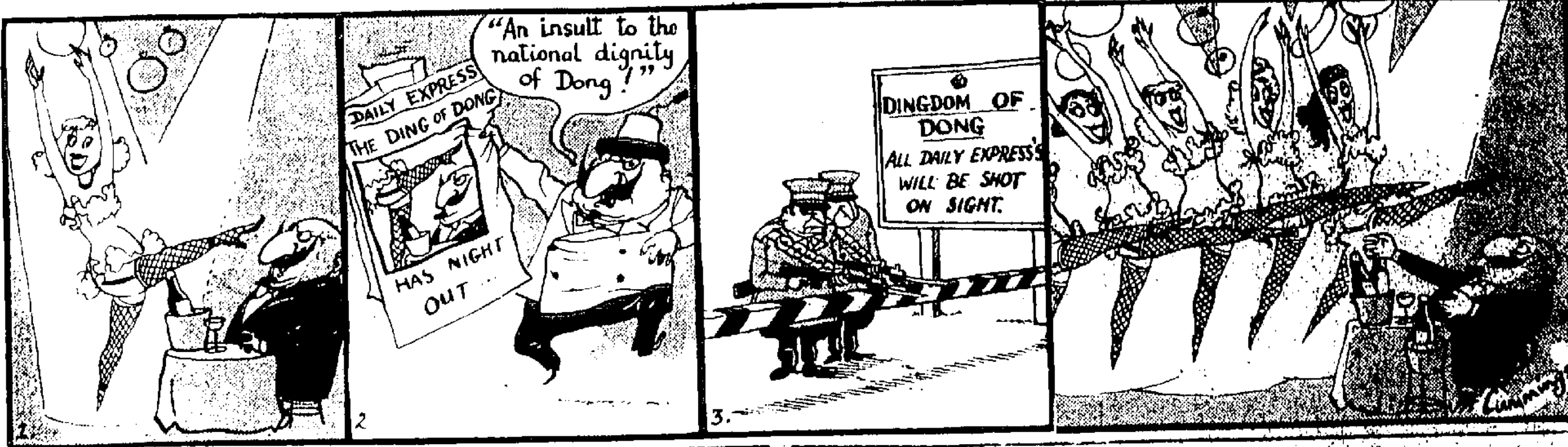
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A DEMOCRAT IN POLITICS BUT A DICTATOR AT HOME

By KENNETH AMES

London, Dec. 5. **W**HEN Dr Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the West German Republic, arrives in London he will become the first head of a German State to visit Britain since pre-1914.

British statesmen meeting the helmsman of Germany's potential Fourth Reich would do well to remember a story which Adenauer tells of himself.

A non-smoker, he was once asked why, at cabinet meetings, he keeps a plentiful supply of cigars on the table and a number of table lighters handy. "Cigar lovers," he explained, "see the full box and with constant puffing they not only foul the air but befuddle their brains. That is the reason I maintain complete control over my cabinet."

The German Chancellor's friends refer to him invariably as "Swi," a brilliant strategist. To his political enemies expressions like "cunning," "crafty," "the old fox" fall trippingly from the tongue.

But to the majority of the Bonn Government members and M. P.s, the tall, poker-faced man with high, almost oriental cheekbones, and narrow eyes and permanent sardonic smile, is just "The Old Man."

Government members meeting

The first clash, with British Occupation authorities, however, occurred back in 1918 when, as Lord Mayor of Cologne, he refused to enforce a decree of the local British Army General that Germans should leave the sidewalks when meeting British troops in the street.

Even today this tall, gaunt figure generally recognised as a solitary gentleman in the bear-garden of German politics retains a strong anti-British prejudice. Having travelled very little outside Germany, he firmly believes the British despise all Germans, and Adenauer is a proud man.

Since he speaks faultless French and almost no English, he has inevitably been regarded with some suspicion by the occupation powers of two postwar eras. His Francophile tendencies have also meant that he has frequently opposed the popular trend of opinion in his country since the first World War.

TACTICIAN

But whether seemingly anti-British or overwhelmingly pro-Western, Konrad Adenauer, the 75-year-old German leader, believes unmistakably in "Germanism for the Germans."

When first elected as head of state just two years ago, he said: "Sometimes I wish the world would adopt more the attitude of a family well-

coming back home an errand child, instead of beating it when it gets up in the morning and again when it goes to bed—with a further thrashing during the day for good measure. An effort should be made to make its return a happy one."

And his recent public pronouncements have been more or less an echo of this "spare the rod." For Adenauer is a shrewd statesman, the best tactician on the German political scene, who is convinced the only people who can run Germany are the Germans.

For two years now he has carried on a running fight with the Allied High Commission authorities, in a struggle to speed up the return of power to German hands. In this running fight he has not been slow to criticise where he thought criticism due, nor attack where he thought attack on the Occupation powers was warranted.

It was not without relief that Chancellor Adenauer received the request from London to postpone his visit until after the General Election. For, said one of his personal secretaries, "the Federal Chancellor is anxious to discuss matters of common interest with the incoming ministers and not with those disposed to leave their posts."

He has a firm and inherent dislike of Socialism and a distrust of all Socialists. While supporting in theory the idea of a reunited Germany, he nevertheless is unlikely to press too hard for it, knowing that the vote in East Germany would be predominantly Socialist in a free election.

Again, two years ago, he said: "I know the idea of our competition on the world market is not welcome. But I favour free competition, not only internally but externally. No country has a monopoly in any article, and healthy competition protects us all from economic stagnation."

The new Chancellor of a few days then explained his policy of incentive and removing controls wherever possible. "We shall concentrate above all on rebuilding our shattered homes and cities as a spur to economic recovery," he explained. "And Britain must play the role in Europe which her great historical tradition demands."

Since that day he has consistently pursued a policy of free enterprise and incentive, winning over to his way of thinking many former enemies and sceptics. In achieving this he has had to take aboard many dubious allies—the biggest of the Ruhr industrialists and bankers, the semi-radical right wing parties, representing big farmers and landowners. But he still believes his policy to be justified pointing to re-housing and

general living statistics to prove his point. And, what is more, he is still that rare specimen, an anti-militaristic German statesman. Despite his recent unwilling flirting with some former High Command officers, he never has been a soldier and still retains a healthy aloofness to military matters.

COMMON SENSE

When it comes to conducting a policy, Adenauer is a man of action rather than of theories. He has a hearty dislike of all political theories and has often been referred to as "the farmer politician," basing his judgments on instinct and a down-to-earth common sense.

At home, the twice-widowed Chancellor is said to pursue a different line of action. House-

keeper, confidante and hostess at diplomatic receptions is his 27-year-old daughter Lotte. Lotte confided to a friend recently: "Father may be an out and out democrat in politics, but he is a little dictator at home, demanding meals at short notice and cakes baked exactly as he requires them."

But Adenauer, the first German head of state to visit England since the Kaiser, although an old man, has a steady influence on this vital period of German transition by bringing with him many old-fashioned Catholic Rhineland ideas and 19th Century solid Middle class German thinking.

He it is who may play one of the most decisive roles in European affairs during the coming years. But somebody has got to do some fast talking to persuade him that the British at home are not so bad as they have painted themselves in two occupations.

U. N. DELEGATES WILL BE TEMPTED INTO THE

GREATEST JUNKET SINCE THE SACK OF ROME

By David Temple Roberts

PARIS, Dec. 5. **T**HE great feature of this United Nations meeting is what I can only call the "runway." This slightly aeronautical metaphor is the one that comes to mind for the 100-yard-long, wide foyer that gives access to the principal conference rooms in the temporary building the French have run up to house this multilingual Assembly.

All across the wide coconut matting groups of delegates and Press discuss, make interventions, lobby one another, interview and gossip. The "delegation wives" wait disconsolately for political-minded husbands.

The whole of one side of the runway is a vast window with one of the famous—though not the finest—of the man-made vistas of Paris. Between the Palais de Chaillot and the Seine the fountains play, and across the river stands the Eiffel Tower, and beyond it the long vista of the Avenues of the Champ de Mars, which literally translated means the Field of the God of War, where France's armies used to parade.

The "runway" is the centre of the temporary building built of boards on steel scaffolding. And its slightly makeshift springiness under foot—like a builder's scaffolding—adds something to the fantasy of unreality that is the United Nations.

Six Committees are in session. The first is the arena of the Big Shots holding forth on disarmament. Vyshinsky is the star attraction, and when he was billed to speak on a Saturday morning half the society ladies of "tout Paris" postponed their weekly dispersal to the countryside and bled their charming way into the press seats.

By the time Vyshinsky's whose sleepless laughter is Jeanette van Ho Is. French,

famous—addressed himself to the translators into English, French and Spanish the "working press" could not find seats. The resulting fro-u-fra and hubbub made by coveys of elected countesses did not disconcert the Russian from his text.

In other Committees a kind of international nightmare is enacted daily. I have slipped out of one Committee in the middle of a speech by a Cuban on the question of threats to peace in the Balkans, and stepped into the next Committee to hear an Australian giving his views on the Italian trusteeship of Tripoli. Everybody talks on everything.

Delegates who are intending to speak later hurry out to collect a batch of duplicated typescripts of their coming, and distribute them to their press friends. And, if in doubt, call a press conference!

The principal delegations give summaries of their own versions of what has been happening. The British meet in the morning. The French in the evening. Americans have private and public sessions.

Occasionally the Chinese Nationalist delegation gathers the press to issue a denunciation usually of the brilliant Sardar Panniker (Nehru's Ambassador to Peking, who is in Paris as India's chief delegate). The latter is listed, by some, as an unofficial exponent of Peking's views.

Much has been written of the extravagance of this meeting. The secretaries, whose 22-10-0 a day allowance has been under fire, claim that they are out of pocket. Paris is expensive for strangers. A good meal costs £1.

But one charming United Nations service to man in search of beauty is the addition of the secretaries' names on the doors of the offices. Their expense-accounted bosses appear in blue. The typists in red beneath.

And these United Nations secretaries seem to have, or acquire by magic, some amazingly international names. Could you say whether Miss Canada, saving the money they

Dutch or Chinese? And what language would you address to Mademoiselle Lyubya Schlimberger?

The British delegation lives in dignity at the Bristol Hotel. This, of course, is a good British name and a suitable overflow from the George V Hotel.

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From R. M. MacColl

Gaol-break man stays at home

NEW YORK. **A** DRAMA to rival that of an excellent film "I was a Fugitive from a Chain Gang" has just been played in real life.

In the film, Paul Muni starred as the man hunted by the authorities of the State of Georgia.

And in the real-life drama the main character is a Negro who was picked up drunk six weeks ago by the police in Albany, New York State, and said his name was Willie Thomas.

Routine finger-printing revealed he was really Wesley Mallory, who escaped from an Alabama prison camp in 1945, after serving 13 years of a 100-year sentence for the theft of 70 dollars.

At first Governor Tom Dewey agreed to the extradition demanded by Alabama. But a firm of lawyers became interested in the case.

They told Dewey that Mallory was only 14 at the time of the alleged theft, and that for the past five years he has been a decent and respected citizen of Albany, where he married and now has three children.

Dewey had signed the extradition warrant, but he wrote to the Governor of Alabama saying he had changed his mind. And now Willie will spend a happy Christmas with his family—in Albany.

THE WASHINGTON POST today said the British Government should be given some control over the use of American air bases in Britain. The paper added that Mr Churchill would probably open this question with President Truman in January.

Said the Post: "As a good politician with his ear to the ground, Mr Churchill senses the public fear that some firebrand American Air Force general might order the atom bomb dropped by British-based bombers, and thus expose Britain to swift and terrible retaliation."

"It does not quiet these fears to state the fact that only the President of the United States can give the order to deliver the atom bomb, and that an alliance by its very nature implies joint responsibility."

The Post said Britain should know the nature of the stand-by orders governing the dropping of atom bombs, and should have a say in redrafting those orders if revision was required.

A NEW TAX SCANDAL with serious political implications for the Truman Government has hit 15 American cities. Eighteen tax investigators, deputy collectors, and revenue agents were sacked. Twelve more were asked to resign.

All are accused of "misconduct" ranging from corruption to theft.

Total sackings, resignations, and suspensions in the tax department top 60 in six months.

For the Government, gravity of the scandal is the weight it adds to Republican cries of corruption and inefficiency in the Administration. And this with the campaign shaping up for next year's Presidential election.

Seeing Jerusalem At Christmas

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

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WIDGETS PUT THE WIND UP THE GREMLINS

ROUGH UP TO
LEMON TIME

But Five Fatal Minutes Of The Fidgets, And The Machine Was Upon Them

By "RECORDER"

"Don't go on the field with the idea that you are second best," Coach Palmer told his Widgets at Boundary Street yesterday just before they trooped on to take on the Gremlins. A protesting chorus of "No!" came from the Widgets and they reeked of confidence.

They felt that way too and at half-time they were a goal up against the streamlined Gremlins. Then the Gremlins got two and the Widgets came back to equalise and set out for their third.

The Gremlin half-back line opened the game out and there was a hectic series of raids, corner after corner, short and long, and the Widgets lost their heads, let two goals in and finished up raiding the Gremlin D without any luck for five minutes and then came the final whistle.

The Widgets played the game of their life, but their clearing was not perfect. Several Widgets played brilliantly in the first half and several others did the same in the second after a shaky start.

The opening half saw right wing Green Ellery stream up in the first of a series of raids that came on either wing and through the centre. The Widget forwards had never been better. The steady influence of their veteran made-forwards, Sybil Groundwater and Doris Barten gave them an attack that worked the life out of the Gremlin defence.

Tried out at centre-forward was Helen Ballerand, who turned out to be a cool-headed, confident leader of the attack, quite a bit of a schemer, but short of the stamina to last the whole game.

INSPIRED DEFENCE

The Widgets' attack played in front of an inspired defence, skipper Irene Smirnoff playing a starring role in the first half behind the hard-tackling half-back line of Mary Elnor, Marie Meikle and Sheila Bolton. Bolton, who spent a busy hour taking the wind out of the Gremlins' forward line in the League.

Skipper Smirnoff, who waded into the Gremlin attack like a confident veteran interpreter in the first half, slackened up in the second and most of the work fell on the other fullback, Joan Gerard.

Sheila Bolton worked hard right through, but her clearing was not perfect. In the first half she was well in the side of the second she stood up and was a thorn in the side of the Gremlin left wing of Noelle Simmons and Marie Meikle (she pronounced it Maurice, but spells it the way) Meikle.

Elnor was more spectacular than Bolton, but both were very much in the picture and the Widget half-back line put up, on the whole, a grand display against the League's most dangerous forward line.

In the forward line the Widget who really shone was Ellery, who never slackened up and rallied the line in the second half with a beautiful run up the wing and a perfect pass that Doris Barten converted into the equaliser.

Eileen Kennedy on the left wing did not play as well as he has in other matches, but her breakaways worried the Gremlin defence.

The Widget attack was all over the Gremlins in the first half, playing a short passing game at which Helen Ballerand proved herself an adept, the first of it coming from a burst through the centre with Sybil Groundwater, the two having a Gremlin defence completely flummoxed on which one would finally make a try for the goal. It turned out to be Sybil Groundwater, who scored, but it was as much Ballerand's goal.

The short-passing game upset the Gremlins, who kept looking for openings but never got any very good ones. In the second half when their intermediate line opened the game out, they were more at home.

The interval found the Gremlins bewildered and bewildered, and, to say the least, unnerved. It was so bad that one Gremlin hit a cigarette, and despite being told that "Mr. Palmer is looking in this direction," defiantly replied, "I have to pull my nerves together."

FAG WORKED

The fag worked. The Gremlins started the second half blowing their whirlwind attack from all sides and there was the first succession of corners. Marie Meikle scoring the equaliser from the edge of the circle and Hilda Fowler putting the Gremlins two up with a merciless drive through a bunch of defenders in the D who unsighted goalkeeper Muir.

The game moved from one end of the field to the other and back and then little Ellery, who takes pride in being a Widget and didn't display the slightest trace of second best feeling right through the game, dribbled up the wing on her own and sent in a perfect centre that both inside-right Doris Barten and goalkeeper Maudie Read got their sticks on to together. Doris touched the ball faster and it was a beautiful goal.

There were about 12 minutes to go. The Simmons-Meikle wing kept blowing up and an inspired Sheila Bolton was holding it to the best of her ability. Then the whole Gremlin forward line blew all over the Widget defence and there was an unerring succession of short and long corners that ended up with the Widgets losing their heads and getting into the line of sight of their goalkeeper when it wasn't really necessary. Meikle and Fowler scored again and it was 4-2 in the Gremlins' favour.

These wild five minutes cost the Widgets the match. They were hard-pressed, but they should have kept their heads. With five minutes to go, they rallied again and stormed their way through the Gremlin defence.

They didn't score, but they were again all over the Gremlins. It is just as well the game ended that way and they had their five minutes for another riot in the skies after a bad crash that would have unnerved any flyer.

GAVE NOTICE
The Widgets gave notice that they are going to make it difficult for anyone to keep them from being the League's runners-up. They just missed holding the Gremlins to a draw, and that after being led 2-1.

The Gremlins forgot in the first half that they are supposed to be a streamlined team without stars. Their forwards were too anxious to shine and a stout Widget defence took the shine off them.

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Maudie Read rushes out to meet a Widget attack and daughter Rosemary, knowing who's boss in a situation like that, gets out of the way quickly. Widget centre-forward Helen Ballerand and left wing Eileen Kennedy wait for a chance to rush the goal.



Gremlins spent lemon time trying to figure out how they managed to get a goal behind. The girl with the very sour expression is their left-back, Louis Warning, who had a very rough time in the first half. The others are Amber Moran, Julia Wilson, Maureen Hodgkinson and Marie Meikle.—China Mail Photos.

K. S. Kinghorn Wins Golf Championship

K. S. Kinghorn defeated Noel Arthy at Fanning yesterday to win the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Championship.

TALKS ON

A European Baseball Federation

Talks on the creation of a European Baseball Federation have been held on Friday and Saturday here between representatives of the Dutch and Spanish Federations.

The Spaniards had already dealt with representatives of the French and Belgian Federations in Paris and Brussels and they will try to contact the Italian and British Federations.

The Dutch declared themselves on principle in favour of the formation of a European Federation, but the final decision would only be taken by a full session of the Executive Committee.

A match between Dutch and Spanish teams has been discussed but the matter must be decided in detail owing to the heavy expenses involved. The Dutch team is expected to leave for Spain soon.

Saints Get Into The Way Of The Madcaps' Head-On Rush For The Pennant

By "GRANDSTAND"

In the softball games played over the week-end, St. Joseph's behind Sherry Bucks' heads-up pitching, put a halt to the run of Madcaps' successes in the Senior "A" Division as they downed the League leaders 6 to 4, to put the pennant race in this section into a five-way tie.

In the Senior "B" section, the Warriors earned an easy 8 to 0 decision over the P. I. Dodgers while in the Junior loop, the undefeated Blackhaws kept their winning streak intact with a convincing 11 to 2 win over the Wildfires and the Griffins returned to the pennant battle by triumphing over the Rexes 5 to 4 after nine innings of play.

The Aces and Blue Sox had things their own way, scoring easy victories over South China and Nine Dragons by the scores of 12 to 2 and 15 to 2 respectively.

TIGHT GAME

The Madcaps-St. Joseph's tilt proved to be a tight ball game right from the initial inning when Prexy Doc Molten called "Play Ball". It was a dog-eat-dog struggle with both teams making most of the breaks that came their way and these were very scarce as both teams dished up heads-up ball during the whole tussle.

Arturo Ozorio's Shagging Saints took a two-run lead in the top of the first inning on one hit but the Madcaps fought back to even the count and turn into the lead in the second inning as lanky George Saunders banged out a four-master with two men on bases to make the score 3 to 2 in favour of the Madcaps.

Not to be daunted, the Saints in their half of the third inning scored two markers as big Dave Leonard walloped out the second fourmaster of the tilt with one aboard.

There was also in the Saints camp a bit of a stir when the Madcaps' defensive half, the Saints held the Madcaps scoreless for the fifth and sixth innings.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Senior "A" Division
Madcaps 4 St. Joseph's 6
Senior "B" Division
P. I. Dodgers 0 Warriors 8

Junior League
South China 2 Aces 12
Rexes 4 Griffins 5
(9 innings)
Wildfires 2 Blackhaws 11
Nine Dragons 2 Blue Sox 15

The game-leading run on S. H. "Molten" Khan's single. Playing fine defensive ball, the Saints held the Madcaps scoreless for the fifth and sixth innings.

Going into the last inning, the Saints increased their lead as Madcaps' hunter Joey Grant failed to find the strike zone with the bases choked and walked in the run. The Madcaps in their last turn at bat failed to make any headway as they were downed in nine by three runs to give the Shagging Saints a well-earned victory.

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Narrow For The Army

Army's batting machine got into considerable difficulty at King's Park on Saturday against Jordan, Jones and Harwood and seven wickets were lost before Navy's score of 77 was passed.

Surg. Cdr. Goldworthy stood to Army's varied attack for an undefeated 31. Major Deighton (22) and Lt. Maynard (21 not out) were the only two Army batsmen at all comfortable against Navy's bowling.

Scorpions and Optimists helped themselves to runs at each other's expense at Chater Road, Alec Pearce contributing 89 and Tong Weller 56 to the Scorpions' 180 for four wickets. The declaration coming 3.45 p.m. Optimists, batting first, replied with 150 for five wickets (Noel Arthy 50, Laurie Kilbee 51).

Roy Kingsford took six Army "B" wickets at Kai Tak yesterday for 26 runs. Army being all out for 77 (Williams 22). RAF's batting machine replied with 84 for one wicket (Wilson 42 not out, Ball 23).

KCC again took the lead in the Second Division with a 10-wicket victory over Indian Recreation Club at Cox's Road on Saturday.

The Indians declared at 111 for seven wickets, leaving the KCC 80 minutes of batting. "Tinker" Lee with an undefeated 47 and N. Hart Baker with an undefeated 59 found 80 minutes long enough to get the runs.

HOW THEY STAND

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army "A"	9	6	3	—	27
KCC	8	6	2	—	26
RAF	9	6	1	1	25
Royal Navy	8	2	2	4	10
Army "B"	8	2	2	4	10
Optimists	7	1	5	1	9
Scorpions	8	1	5	2	9
Craigengower	9	1	3	5	7
University	9	1	2	6	6
Recreto	8	1	0	2	4
Indian RC	6	—	3	2	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
KCC	9	6	2	1	26
RAF	8	6	—	—	24
Dockyard	8	5	1	2	21
KGVS	8	4	1	3	17
Recreto	9	3	—	2	12
Police	8	3	—	2	12
DBS	8	2	1	5	9
Indian RC	7	2	0	5	8
Royal Navy	7	1	1	5	5
University	7	—	1	6	—

Australians Win Hazzard Shield Match

In the annual Hazzard Shield match played at Chater Road yesterday, Australia beat England by five wickets.

Batting first, England scored 120 runs, which the Australians topped by 13 with five wickets intact.

ENGLAND	
Borthwick, b. Mahon	0
Kilbee, lbw. Mahon	4
Craig, lbw. Mahon	4
Pritchard, c. Strachan, b. Craig	10
Macdonald, b. Leary	21
Low, c. Craig, b. Mahon	6
Owen-Bugher, c. Rids, b. Craig	6
Hubble, lbw. Craig	10
Sellers, b. Sellers	10
Thorne, not out	10
Hill, b. Mahon	5
Extras	5
Total	130

Bowling Analysis	
Mahon	11.5-22-4-5
McConville	8-1-2-2
Craig	8-1-1-1
Leary	3-1-1-1

AUSTRALIA	
Hong, c. Craig, b. Sellers	11
Edgar, b. Pritchard	12
Craig, lbw. Pritchard	12
Fincher, lbw. Pritchard	14
Greene, not out	4
Sellers, b. Sellers	4
Rids, not out	15
Extras	4
Total (for five, wickets)	133

Bowling Analysis	
Pritchard	18-33-3-5
Craig	18-1-2-2
Hubble	8-1-1-1
Sellers	5-1-1-1
Hill	5-1-1-1

FRANCE'S NEW OLYMPIC HOPE

Troyes, France, Dec. 8: French swimmer René Bogn today established one of the best world times of the season by swimming 100 metres backstroke in one minute 5.4 seconds.

Bogn, who is 19 years old, is France's new hope for the next Olympic Games.

The world record for 100 metres backstroke is held by the American, who swam it in one minute 4.8 seconds at the 1948 Olympic Games.

TODAY'S SPORT

BADMINTON
Men's "A" Division — Hercule v. Y.M.C.A. at Recreation University. Crispen v. Hercule at 11.0.

WINDSURFING
Event — Crispen v. Hercule at 11.0. Crispen v. Hercule at 11.0.

THE LID HAS BEEN LIFTED OFF THE DOPING RACKET

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 9. The fact that race horses are being doped, nobbled and switched in Britain has been known to racing men for a long time, but only this week has the lid been lifted off the whole racket by Lord Rosebery, perhaps the greatest pillar of the British Turf today.

Lord Rosebery's disclosure had some quick results. He said that he had several anonymous phone calls giving him information and it is understood that at least one owner will present evidence of "aid."

Plainclothes detectives have been on the courses, noting the absence of regular race-goers who might have "gone to ground" since the outcry over doping began.

In every country in the world where racing flourishes, there is devilry afoot from time to time. Virtually no country is free of the crooks who, to make money, will stop at nothing to make a horse win or lose.

SOFT-PEDALLED

Such men have existed in Britain as in the United States, France, Australia, India, and other countries, but there has been a tendency to soft-pedal the practices in England as if they were less prevalent than in other countries and were exceptions rather than the rule. It was thought that the gang only worked at small meetings and did their nefarious acts on the horses of small trainers and little known owners.

Even the Jockey Club Stewards themselves were probably rather sceptical of the things they heard and read about the doping gangs. The very fact that someone has stopped a horse of a member of the Jockey Club and a former Steward has proved to all and sundry that the gang are no respecters of persons.

They have nobbled a horse of one of the greatest owners, breeders in the world and one trained by the champion British trainer of 1951 in Jack Jarvis, one of the most respected of men in his profession.

Had the Stewards discovered the nobbling themselves, Jarvis would have had his licence taken away from him and the horse, whose name Lord Rosebery has refused to divulge, also warned off.

Mr Jarvis was luckier in this respect than many other trainers who in the last few years have lost their licences because one of their charges was found to have been doped.

There now seems no doubt at all that, as they have always maintained, these other men have been just as innocent as Lord Rosebery himself.

They have been victims of the rule of the Jockey Club, which automatically disqualifies a trainer whose charge has been found to have been doped.

SHOULD BE ALTERED

Since Lord Rosebery's disclosure there has been a general demand that this rule be altered and the penalties that trainers have suffered under it be promptly revised.

Lord Rosebery has himself offered £1,000 for information leading to the culprits. Another owner has offered £500 for information leading to the coping of his horse, Rock Star, at Ascot, which got his trainer warned off. A national newspaper has doubled Lord Rosebery's offer.

And the bookmakers, too, who really suffer as much as anyone by doping, are eager to co-operate in stamping out an evil which one Jockey Club Steward has stated is "casting a shadow over racing."

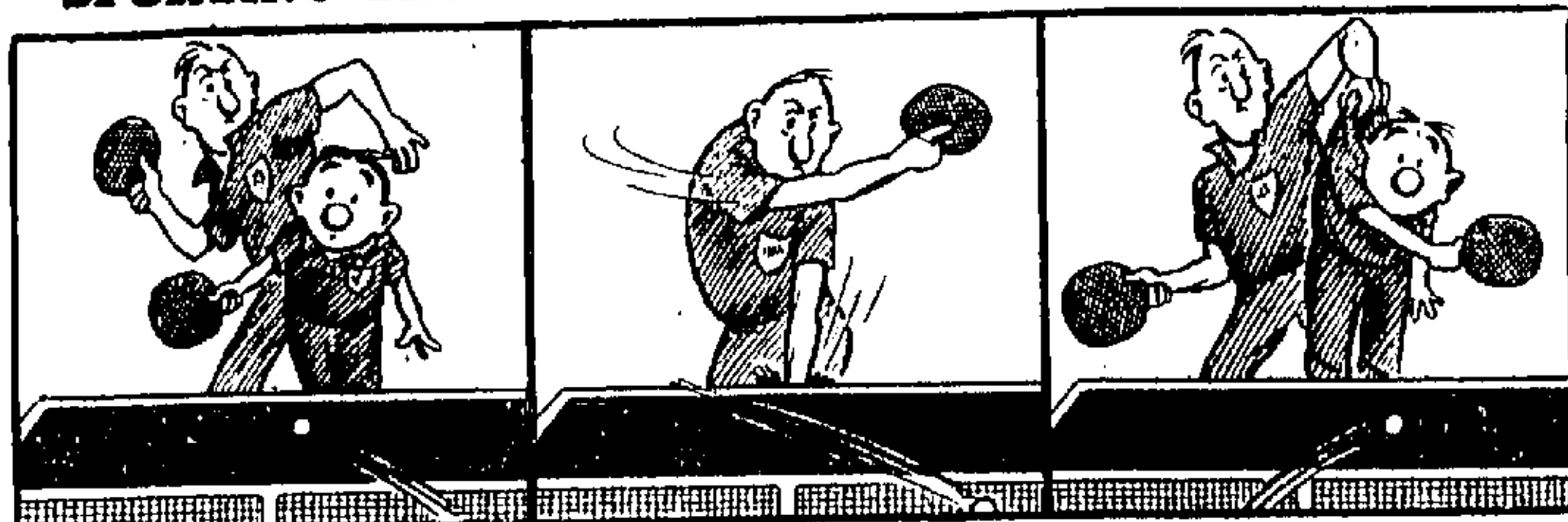
But what can be done? Turf writers feel that in the first place greater care can be taken by owners, trainers, race-course executives and officials to see that the evildoers have less opportunity to practise their regurgity.

Many avow that there has not been half enough vigilance exercised by any of these persons, though the difficulties in keeping a horse away from all who might want to harm it are tremendous.

In the second place, it is up to veterinary surgeons to try and catch the crooks by their skill

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



League Hockey

RECREIO PRACTICALLY ASSURE THEMSELVES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

By "OBSERVER"

Club de Recreio, the 1948-1949 Senior Hockey League Champions, practically assured themselves of the current season's title by defeating the current Champions, Army, for the second time yesterday.

Yesterday's 3-1 defeat put Army into an almost irrecoverable position with two losses and two draws, as against Recreio's hitherto unbeaten record, though with a much smaller number of games played.

Both teams fielded a reshuffled line-up. Recreio successfully and Army much less so. For the Portuguese Club, Ronnie Collaco was put back into his most suitable position, that of left-half.

Substitute Jack Yvanovich at right-half, though presenting the weaker front, put up a more than above-average show.

Both Reed and Nery again formed the backbone of the defence with goalkeeper Garcia and left back Johnny Goncalves giving able support with some spectacular saves and clearances. It was their forward line, however, that played the major part in Recreio's victory.

SMOOTH SHORT PASSING

Displaying better stickwork, they enjoyed a distinct advantage in their smooth short passing combination and their ability to quickly manoeuvre into the open spaces.

The shifting of A. A. dos Remedios Jr into the centre-forward position was a definite improvement. Fast and thrustful, this young forward combined well with the other forwards.

There were at least four instances when he broke through the defence, only to nullify his scoring chances by attempting too big a shot. A good flick would have converted at least two of those opportunities.

The two Gosano brothers, Bertie and Gerry, were again directly responsible for another Recreio win, Bertie scoring two of the goals and Gerry the other.

Army sorely missed their last Interport right-wing and captain, Major Lambie, who could only do duty as a side-line supporter on account of an injured leg.

Capt. Westmacott, who deputised, did not appear to be happy in the unaccustomed position, particularly in stopping the fast wing passes by centre-half Deighton.

Lack of understanding, however, was the main cause of Army's defeat. The first two goals scored by Bertie Gosano from the edge of the "D" might have been averted had one of the defenders tackled him instead of leaving him with plenty of time to take the shot.

Pittam could not be blamed for the three goals against him, being blocked in his view the first two goals, the shot being taken much too close for the third goal.

Raynor at left-half was the weak link, and in an other-wise good defence, outstanding were Capt. Dudley at right half and Major Deighton at centre-half.

The forward line was Army's weakness. Both wings did not have a successful day, leaving the three insides no alternative but individual methods.

The passes were too direct, leaving the forwards easily marked, and slowness in moving into empty spaces time and again found them behind the defenders or late in snapping some good passes from the halves.

McKenzie worked hard and found himself a well-marked, being unlucky not to have scored at least one goal.

THE GOALS Play was maintained at a fast pace throughout and exchanges were almost equal. Recreio opened the scoring in the fifth minute of play from a good combination move between Gerry and Bertie Gosano on the left flank. Receiving a centre pass from the "D" from his brother, who had moved to the wing, Bertie drove the ball past the goalkeeper.

Army equalised seven minutes later. A wing centre from the right was deflected off Reed's stick. McKenzie cut in, snapped the rebound and slammed the ball into the net.

Recreio again took the lead almost immediately. A left-wing backward centre found Bertie Gosano at the edge of the circle with the defence far in front. Taking good aim, Bertie drove a low shot to the edge of the goal, giving Pittam, who was unswitched, no chance to get at it. Minutes from the interval, Recreio increased their lead. A centre from the right into the Army goalmouth started a scramble for the ball, during which Gerry connected with a good backstick.

A penalty bully was awarded against Army just before the interval for infringement of the corner rule, but Sgt Teyen successfully took the bully against Gerry Gosano.

There was no score in the second half, the match ending in a 3-1 win for Recreio.

THE TEAMS Recreio: Garcia; A. L. Nery, J. B. Goncalves; J. Yvanovich, W. A. Reed, R. Collaco; B. Gosano, G. Gosano, A. A. dos Remedios, Jr., A. Marques, C. A. Guterres.

Army: S/Sgt Pittam; W. O. Pavey, Lt. Dunnett; C. O. Dudley, Major Deighton, W/O Raynor, Capt. Westmacott, Major Clenden, Sgms. Hammett, Cpt. McKenzie, Sgt Teyen.

OTHER RESULTS The following were the results of hockey matches played yesterday: 1st Division—RAF 5 Police 0. 2nd Division, Dutch. 3 HCAAF 1; Aces 1 Nau Javan 0.

THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Third Division Clubs Likely To Have A Bigger Voice In League Affairs

By W. CAPEL KIRBY & DAVID JACK

Increased voting and the four up four down promotion and relegation system for Third Division Soccer clubs—hardy annual proposals at the Football League meeting—will get a better hearing this year than ever before.

Reading director Jimmy Carter is the back-room boy who has worked so energetically for this reform and he tells us: "I have asked a member of the Management Committee to speak on behalf of Third Division clubs, and he has promised his support."

That means a lot to Mr Carter, whose approach to Soccer's standstill every time he went on the field. Football fame is fickle. Wing-half Eddie McIlvenny was on top of the world 18 months ago after skipping the United States team that beat England in the World Cup. Signed by Manchester United, Eddie's future seemed full of promise—but things didn't work out that way, and he's now transferred to the Old Trafford club. But with Liverpool and Burnley interested, McIlvenny still hopes to make the grade.

'ON BENDED KNEES'

That's why the Reading director didn't think he was talking out of turn when he asked a member of the Management Committee "Don't you think we've done enough to justify more votes?"

The reply was like a pronouncement from the Middle Ages: "I can remember the days when you came to us on your bended knees." As if that were not enough another member of Football's hierarchy said: "You know there must be a certain amount of class distinction in this game."

We are assured by Mr Carter that he has never in his life been to anyone on bended knees—and he has no intention of starting now. Perhaps with Chesterfield and Grimsby Town—both with Management Committee representation—in the Third Division, plus guaranteed support from another committee member, the Third Division will soon take the place it has earned in football.

Why do Soccer managers make so many fruitless journeys while other clubs move in to grab local talent? Birmingham's "Big Three," George Martin, Bob Brocklebank and Jack Smith, were away on business when a Bolton Wanderers representative signed 17-year-old Brian Wooding, of Birmingham Federation B.C.

Despite assurances from Wolves boss Stan Cullis that Johnny Hancock is not complaining about relegation to the reserves, we think clubs putting out feelers would get a hearing. One of the most famous managers in football, assessing Hancock's value, says: "If I had to pick an England team, his name would be first on my list."

Wolves, incidentally, would like to sign a full-back before they start the trail to Wembley. The man they want is Blackburn's Bill Eckerley—but Rovers are in no position to part with defenders.

Too old for refereeing at 47, rules the Football League. Nonsense, says C. Denham, who by way of proving his fitness won the Preston and District lawn tennis men's doubles tournament a few days after receiving his retirement age notification.

IT'S STILL FULHAM

What is the strength of the story that Charlie Mitten will be transferred to Fulham? Manchester were told by someone closely connected with United: "It's not just guesswork. Mitten is definitely booked for Craven Cottage."

Fulham boss Bill Dodgin comments: "Mitten's suspension doesn't end until December 31. We are still interested."

There must have been a few raised eyebrows at Highbury and White Hart Lane when young Peter Cox turned out for Wolves against Oxford University recently.

Why? Because Cox, a more than useful centre-forward prospect, plays for Tufnell Park, Edmonton—right on the Tottenham and Arsenal doorstep. An explanation came from Stan Cullis, who said: "A friend of mine in London wrote about Cox, I went to look at him, and signed him on an amateur form."

THE (WRIGHT) SPIRIT?

"I'll give Billy Wright another two years before he burns himself right out." That was the comment of one of Wright's international team mates when we discussed the 90 minutes-plus of solid hard work put in by Bill whenever he plays. There's not much doubt that Wright's poor form last season was due

to the way he worked himself to standstill every time he went on the field.

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Ignore the story that Middlesbrough will part with £18,000 and a player for Wolves' wing-half Eddie Russell. "No club would make a blind deal of that size for a player they couldn't see in action," was the verdict of a Boro official.

Forget rumours that Norman Barrett, amateur squash champion for five years, is going to retire. We're told that he will defend his title next January and probably equal the record of six wins set up by Egyptian Amir Bey.

Wigan fans recovering from the Wotton Albion Cup replay shock are wondering why Ken Grieves wasn't keeping goal. Let manager Bob Pryde explain.

"When I signed Ken he expressed a wish not to be captain, but said he would turn out if I was pressed."

Actually, Wigan are fairly well off for goalkeepers. Jeff Wilson, who has attracted Stoke City, while Horace Lee, who is at Trinity College, Carmarthen, is certain to make the grade.

Middlesbrough were represented at the Southend-Bournemouth cup-tie. Attractions were Sandy Anderson, Southend full-back, and Jack Cross, Bournemouth centre-forward.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TWELFTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 8th & Saturday 15th December, 1951.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day. There are 8 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (16 in all).

Through Tickets for the 2nd Day (at \$16.00 each) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" 1952.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at: 5 D'Almeida Street Hong Kong or 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light and/or a white sphere at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment will NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course. The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffls will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1. Bay (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Infra Red Lamps Challenge The Mud And Rain

London, Dec. 9.

News of a possible new "aid" to sport promoters comes from America.

If mud and rain are likely to threaten disaster to an important sporting event, all that the go ahead promoter needs to do is to call up portable banks of 500 watt infra red lamps and, say the American electric lamp scientists, the mud and rain can be "dried out."

The experiment of challenging mud and rain was carried out months ago at the University of California's Memorial Stadium. It was successful.

For 10 consecutive days rain had fallen. The mud was soon ankle deep all over the field. Important matches had to be played. So the scientists took over from the sportsmen.

First, a helicopter hovered low over the field blowing off the surface water with its blades. Then, saw-dust, tan-bark, and burning gasoline were thrown on the field to dry it up. Infra red lamps were then used to complete the cure.

COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION

The matches were played on a baked dry field, it is reported. So now the American scientists are offering their portable banks of infra red lamps as a commercial proposition for use on football fields, race tracks, tennis courts and so on.

The idea opens up a pleasing prospect for sporting enthusiasts in Britain who, to be sure, do not need to delve deeply into memory to recall the disappointment of at least one event which had to be cancelled because of mud and rain.

But naturally the question arises whether such things as cost, energy, and expediency would justify the practical employment of portable banks of these lamps on the "ground staff" of a sport ground.

A London expert on electric lamps unhesitatingly confirmed the practicability of infra red lamps to "dry out" a mud bogged sports field. But he would offer no assessment of eventual cost and of the time required to make a successful

job of "dry cleaning" for example, a football field.

NOT A NEW IDEA "It is no new idea to use infra red lamps for drying out as a commercial enterprise," he said. "Most of the leading motor manufacturers of the world, for example, have been using the lamps for a long time in their paint shops. The lamps are used commercially too for the dehydration of vegetables and for a host of things such as quick-drying of labels in a bottling factory. The beauty of infra red lamps is that it dries outwards—it does not, as with other modes of heat application, oxidise the top surface and so prevent or retard the drying of the lower surface."

"Banks of the lamps would definitely dry out a mud bogged sports-field but at what cost and in what time would need the most complicated of deductions and analyses."

"Roughly, I should think a bank of fifty 500 watt lamps should successfully dry out a patch about 50 feet by 50 feet of a muddy field but the time it would take would depend on so many circumstances of weather, texture of ground and the like."

"At a rough guess and with no statistics as guide I should think a muddy football field might be 'baked dry' for a nominal cost of about £500. But that is only a guess and based on the assumption that one infra red lamp costs about 15 shillings."

"There is no doubt that in skillful hands the dry-out by infra-red lamps could be even-ually done without harming in any way the grass on a field."—Reuter.

INTERPORT SWIMMING

1 Anla, Dec. 9.

Hongkong and Manila this evening divided honours as they concluded a two-day interport swimming meeting, with Hongkong winning in the women's division by 21 points to six and Manila triumphant in the men's division by 25 points to 11.

Two Hongkong mermaids established new Philippine records. Cynthia Eager negotiated the 100-meters free-style in 1 min. 16.2 secs while Kwok Kam-nor completed the 200-meters breast-stroke in 3 mins. 21 secs.—Reuter.

France-Freese adds the Hongkong girls also broke the Philippine record for the 4 x 100-metre relay by swimming the distance in five mins. 27.7 secs. The former mark was six mins. 8.0 secs.



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Proposal For US Guarantee Of A Europe Bond Issue

New York, Dec. 9.

A proposal was made here today that the European governments should jointly float a bond issue, guaranteed by the United States, as a means of stabilising the European currencies and encouraging Europe's own investment capital.

The suggestion was made in an exclusive United Press interview by M. Jean de Precigout, President of the Textiles Artificiels de Centre, of Paris.

M. de Precigout, former State Council member for the French Textile Industry, is here attending the annual United States Congress of Manufacturers which followed the first international conference of manufacturers held here earlier.

Speaking on the personal level, M. de Precigout said that he knew the value of a common currency.

French and European economic recovery and the current economic drive were rendered difficult by the fact that there was an over-valuation gap between the nominal and actual value of money.

He pointed to the discrepancy between the index of prices and salaries and of industrial stocks as an indication of the instability of currencies in Western Europe.

If the joint bond issue were floated by the European governments, or even individually by the nations concerned, the governments would be able to gather considerable amounts of gold and foreign currency that now is being hoarded as a hedge against further weakening of the currencies.

TO BETTER USE

If the United States Government would agree to guarantee such a bond issue, there would be a resumption of confidence in the local currencies and subsequent monetary stabilisation.

M. de Precigout said such strengthening of currencies would also allow European investment capital to be put to better use.

M. de Precigout, as many European industrialists have done in speeches at the conference—deplored the fact that European capital shies away from new long-term capital investments. He blamed weak and depreciated currencies for this state of affairs.

A call for European capital investments was made during the conference by Dr. Otto Reuleaux, a chemical manufacturer from Hanover, Western Germany. Dr. Reuleaux said that United States private capital investments in Europe would encourage European investments.

M. de Precigout said in an interview that Europe, economically speaking, is in the midst of a crisis of confidence.

M. de Precigout and M. Philip Roy, General Manager of a textile company at Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, together warned against allowing further rises in the price of textile raw materials such as cotton, raw silk or wool. They said that if prices are permitted to go on rising, the European textile industries would face a catastrophic situation.—United Press.

CROP REPORT AWAITED

New York, Dec. 9. Cotton futures bobbed up and down over moderate shifts last week as traders awaited the Government's final crop report of the season on Monday.

After rising to new seasonal highs on Monday the market closed back irregularly to rule 30 points higher to 15 points lower, or \$1.50 up to 75 cents down at Friday's close.

The wide variation in the estimates kept traders anxious. The average guess of the 64 members of the New York Cotton Exchange was 15,350,000 bales.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Exchange was done in the local market at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.00
Sterling (per £1) 1.00
Indonesian (per 100) 1.00
Singapore (per 100) 1.00
Straits (per 100) 1.00
P.T. (per 100) 1.00

RESTRICTION ON CREDIT

Clear Indication Of Government Policy

Britain's Jets Earn Be Taken By Chancellor Dollars

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 9. Britain's dollar earnings from jet engines and engine designs are now running into many millions of dollars a year.

General Sir John Dill, National Service Minister in 1951, has said that the Government will not allow the export of regular engine designs, but will allow the export of engine designs already being built.

The latest contract, for a supply of Rolls-Royce "Nene" engines to Canada, is said to be worth \$25 million for the 1,000 engines alone.

The engines will be used to power a US bomber being built in Canada. Later, when a plant is constructed in Montreal for assembling the engines, the Government makers are expected to have to continue to export to Canada for many years to come.

Two other valuable agreements have been made between the Government and the U.S. and Canada. The first is a joint venture between the U.S. and Canada to build a new jet engine for the U.S. and Canada.

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Fresh instructions aimed at restricting still further the volume of credit have now been issued by Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Capital Issues Committee and to the banks.

These instructions follow the general line of policy laid down in previous directives but place more emphasis on the need to restrict un-

essential borrowing to the very minimum.

As before, priority will be given to new issues in connection with "projects which are essentially and positively related to the rearmament programme, to the stimulation of exports to desirable markets, to the relief of basic deficiencies, especially of raw materials."

The banks have been asked to ensure that their credit policy operates in conformity with the same general principles as those set out in the Chancellor's directive to the Capital Issues Committee.

They have been asked not to give loans for the speculative buying or holding of securities, real property or other assets.

The new directives give a clear indication of the trend of the Government's economic policy. Their aim is to restrict all new borrowing, whether from banks or the market, which makes no contribution to the rearmament of our present armaments.

So far as new issues are concerned, these will be examined with a view to eliminating all except those designed to raise production of defence and export goods or to save imports.

But other projects which "can contribute definitely to the general health of the economy, to the technical development of industrial production, and the more efficient and economical use of resources" will also receive favourable consideration.

At the same time, however, the Committee has been told that where applications are made for consent to long-term borrowing already taken up, the fact that the money has already been borrowed should not weigh with them. Instead they should concern themselves mainly with the eligibility of the purposes which have been financed by the advances or will in due course be made possible through the refunding operation.

In at least one respect the Chancellor is not believed to have spoken his last word. Further steps involving new legislation are expected to be taken to restrict the volume of credit advanced to consumers through hire-purchase facilities.

As long ago as 1946 the banks were requested not to extend the finance of hire-purchase beyond its existing limits. The number of such transactions, however, has risen in recent years because credit has been forthcoming from sources outside the banks and large financial houses.

Effectiveness of the measures taken in the United States and Canada to reduce consumer credit has led many people to believe that the Government may take similar steps in this country. Their aim could be achieved by increasing down payment rates or shortening the period of hire. The last of these is considered the most effective and may become the principal means of reducing this type of credit.

Three aspects of the present economic situation, which are "particularly disturbing" are set out in the latest issue of the "Bulletin for Industry" which is published by the Treasury.

In order of importance, they are: the balance of payments, production, and prices and wages.

In the present half-year the United Kingdom is spending abroad at the rate of over £700 million a year more than it is earning and the gold and dollar reserves have been falling fast.

There is, moreover, an intense unmet demand for labour. Wages are still rising faster than last year and this threatens to "continue" the rise in prices, even though some recent re-

strictions in import prices have worked their way through to the shops.

Some action to alleviate the shortage of skilled manpower and to increase production in essential defence and export industries is clearly necessary. The situation, it says, "demands shifts in manpower and switches in production."

Despite its unpopularity, a partial return to wartime rationing of labour may become necessary to achieve the first of these two aims. Parliament has been informed that the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, has been "working on the question" and discussing it with the National Joint Advisory Council.

No action will be taken, however, without Parliament being informed. This means that Government have to initiate a revision of the Control of Engagements Order at least until the end of January.

A few days later an allocation scheme for steel will come into operation and this should go a long way towards easing the supply situation in the defence and export industries by squeezing out unessential production, thus helping to achieve the second aim of the policy mentioned in the Bulletin.

Led by the gilt-edged market, Stock Exchange prices moved all lower last week. Some fairly heavy selling of Government securities by the banks was reported.

Despite the firmer tendency evident at the end of the week most observers are now saying that no general improvement should be expected this side of the holidays. Even then many of the present uncertainties will remain and these will not be cleared up until after the Budget when more will be known of the Government's proposed new excess profits tax.

A talking point in the market now is whether the Government will intervene to arrest the rapid decline in gilt-edged prices.

Washington, Dec. 9. The National Coal Association estimated that production in the nation's bituminous mines boomed up to 12,180,000 tons in the week ended Dec. 1.

That is the highest weekly production figure since the week ended March 25, 1950, and reflects the recent upsurge in the coal mining industry.

One of the main reasons for the boom has been the heavy exporting of coal to Marshall Plan countries in Europe, to Japan, and South America.

Last week's production of 12,180,000 compares with the 10,090,000 tons mined in the preceding week and 9,413,000 tons in the comparable week of 1950.—Associated Press.

Madrid, Dec. 9. Italy's Fiat Motor Company will set up an automobile assembly plant in Barcelona, Spain's National Industrial Institute went to Barcelona to look over the new plant site which will produce the Fiat 1400 series.—United Press.

Madrid, Dec. 9. The Bank of Spain's gold reserve is valued at 549.6 million pesetas, according to the bank's Oct. 31 statement.

Silver is valued at 370.1 million and bank notes in circulation amount from 32,020.0 million to 33,897.0 million pesetas. Demand deposits have increased from 4,889.0 million to 5,000.0 million pesetas.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$133,950. Noon rates and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
HSBC 1580
East Asia 126

INSURANCES
Union 765

SHIPPING
Asia Nav 120

DOCKS, ETC.
Wheelock XD 34 100 @ 34
Hongkong 8 1/2

LAND, ETC.
HK Hotel 11 1/2
HK Land 12 1/2

UTILITIES
Star Ferry 118 200 @ 117
Light 8 1/2
XD 8 1/2
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Meat Prices In U.S. Drop

Chicago, Dec. 9. The American Meat Institute said today that the average wholesale meat prices dropped six per cent in the last two months due to the seasonal increase in supplies.

Top grades of beef were selling from one to four cents a pound below ceiling prices at some markets, and lower grades of beef as much as 10 per cent below ceilings. Hams were 11 per cent below the ceiling, pork loins 24 per cent and cured bacon 22-29 per cent.—United Press.

Coal Output Increase

Washington, Dec. 9. The National Coal Association estimated that production in the nation's bituminous mines boomed up to 12,180,000 tons in the week ended Dec. 1.

That is the highest weekly production figure since the week ended March 25, 1950, and reflects the recent upsurge in the coal mining industry.

One of the main reasons for the boom has been the heavy exporting of coal to Marshall Plan countries in Europe, to Japan, and South America.

Last week's production of 12,180,000 compares with the 10,090,000 tons mined in the preceding week and 9,413,000 tons in the comparable week of 1950.—Associated Press.

Fiat Plant In Barcelona

Madrid, Dec. 9. Italy's Fiat Motor Company will set up an automobile assembly plant in Barcelona, Spain's National Industrial Institute went to Barcelona to look over the new plant site which will produce the Fiat 1400 series.—United Press.

Bank of Spain's Reserves

Madrid, Dec. 9. The Bank of Spain's gold reserve is valued at 549.6 million pesetas, according to the bank's Oct. 31 statement.

Silver is valued at 370.1 million and bank notes in circulation amount from 32,020.0 million to 33,897.0 million pesetas. Demand deposits have increased from 4,889.0 million to 5,000.0 million pesetas.—United Press.

Find Of Vital Mineral

Cascade, Dec. 9. Beds of monazite, a vital mineral used in making jet engines, have been discovered in commercial quantities here in Central Idaho.

A mine inspector, Mr. George McDowell, said that the beds were virtually the only supply now available to the United States. The only other commercial sources of the metal are in India and Brazil and these have been cut off through the action of these countries in prohibiting the export of the metal, Mr. McDowell said.—Reuter.

Retail Trade Up In America

New York, Dec. 9. Christmas shopping in the past week boosted U.S. retail trade above the previous week and moderately above the record level of the like week last year, Dun and Bradstreet reported.

Total retail trade in the week ended Wednesday was estimated to be from three to seven per cent higher than that of a year ago.—Associated Press.

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